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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Zhang et al. , Group Art Unit: 1653

Application No.: 09/493,545) Examiner: Hope Robinson

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS

FOR HEALING AND REPAIR OF

ARTICULAR CARTILAGE

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

A Notice of Appeal was filed on July 17, 2003, making the deadline for further action in this case September 17, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to take such action. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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